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Frenzy at Elk Point's new fire hall

A huge and enthusiastic crowd gathered at Elk Point's new fire hall on Good Friday, as the volunteer firefighters hosted a pancake breakfast and the community's first-ever full-scale Easter egg hunt. The event was an enormous success that had organizers vowing to double their order of candy eggs for next year's hunt. More photos on Pages 6 and 7.

Danyluk defends health care spending

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

MLA Ray Danyluk defended the provincial government's decisions regarding health care spending when he met with a dozen constituents for lunch last Monday in Elk Point.

"The world is upside down right now as far as health care is concerned," he acknowledged, but said he feels new Health Minister Gene Zwozdesky is equal to the task before him.

Alberta Health "had a deficit of \$1.4 billion. If (the government) had expected it to be paid back, they would have closed more facilities. We paid it, and gave. Alberta Health a six per cent increase for three years

and four and a half per cent the next two years," Danyluk said.

"They'll never get the optimum, but health care takes 44 per cent of the total budget. It was 30 per cent when I started, and has gone up more than anything else. If it keeps going up, we'll keep taking from other departments to the point that it would ensure that some portfolios are eliminated. We'll have to look at delivering health care in a different way."

Danyluk was later questioned on how different delivery could be accomplished, and he cited such examples as centralizing research, giving more specialists the opportunity to see patients in larger rural communities as well as cities, shortening emergen-

cy wait times and looking at new ways of matching newly graduated doctors with available positions. He also felt there was a need to look at aging in place, "and ensuring that husbands and wives can age together. We're only as good as a province and a nation as how well we take care of those in need. We have to find a balance."

Infrastructure has taken over the capital portion of health care, and is responsible for all health facilities, with a \$627 million budget for 2010-11 to cover building new facilities and expanding, maintaining and renewing existing facilities.

Municipal Sustainability Incentive funding got a \$10 million decrease in the budget, to \$876 million, with the \$10 million going

to policing, "but it's still a very good program," Danyluk said. "It gives municipalities money to use as they see fit, and they are using a substantial amount of it in cooperative efforts. I think it's a great program."

One of the local residents expressed a fear that the availability of funding "could kill volunteerism," but Danyluk replied that it could well have the opposite effect, because "we were burning out volunteers earning money to pay utilities. Initiative comes from raising money for something you can use, and the intent of the MSI is to make sure volunteerism is alive. Look at operating the arena - for (the town) to throw in \$20,000 from MSI, that's the difference between night and day for them."

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Dry season heats up risk of fires

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Dry conditions had forced a fire ban at 10 provincial parks and recreation areas, starting this past weekend, and as of April 1, throughout the entire County of St. Paul, fire permits as required for all open burning larger than a campfire. The measures are usually put in place around this time of the year, but because of the dry weather that has been experienced since last fall, taking precautions to

ensure safe burning is more important than ever.

According to information he received a few weeks ago from Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, Ashmont Volunteer Fire Department Chief Joey Duperron, believes the drought conditions this year are extremely high for this area.

"It is bad," he says.

Last week, the M.D. of Bonnyville put a fire ban in place, "as a result of the below average moisture last fall and this winter," according to a press release received from the municipality. The release further states, "Extreme fire hazard conditions are present throughout the region."

The ban was implemented on March 31, and prohibits the burning of "any open fires such as brush piles, grass fires or debris fires, and any camp fires outside designated campgrounds or fire pits . . . the discharge of fireworks is also prohibited during this ban."

Currently, the County of St. Paul is simply concentrating on ensuring locals are stopping by the office to pick up fire permits. The permits are free of charge, but are a huge help to local fire departments if a fire

spreads.

All open burning in the county now requires a permit, explains Dennis Bergheim, fire co-ordinator with the County of St. Paul. Permits will be issued for 10 days at a time, but if weather conditions worsen, permits can be suspended.

Fire tips

■ Check burn piles that were burnt over the winter to ensure no ground fire has started. Attend all fires at all times.

■ Spark-arresting screens must be in place when using burning barrels.

■ ATVs can cause fires. Be mindful of sparks from the exhaust and ensure ATV is clean of debris.

■ Alberta's 2010 wild-fire season officially begins on April 1.

"The good thing about a fire permit from our standpoint, is that we get a fax of each permit from the county," says Duperron. Having that extra information beforehand can be very useful if a fire gets out of control, he adds.

Information about access points to properties, for example, allows for the department to respond to a call faster, which is crucial with brush and grass fires, says the chief.

Bergheim believes that weather conditions aren't too severe, but admits that according to information he has seen, "it could be a dry spring." Fire prevention will be a concern at least until the green-up occurs, he

adds.

Bergheim noted that the county only puts fire bans in place in "extreme" situations. A ban would mean there would be no open fires allowed at all. Last May, the County of St. Paul and all surrounding municipalities did have fire bans in place.

However, it's not only open burning that is a concern for Duperron. Last year, the Ashmont department responded to a call at Floating Stone Lake where a landowner had a fire burning in a contained campfire unit. According to the man, he turned away for just a couple minutes, but the fire caught the grass, and quickly spread to a number of other properties.

"It was pretty windy that day," recalls Duperron. The department was able to save all of the larger buildings in the area, but a few sheds were destroyed. "That turns into an insurance nightmare for all these people."

The wind is a huge concern in the spring, and "people need to realize, if it's windy, to wait a couple days," says Duperron. He estimates that about 80 per cent of spring fires can be prevented, while the other 20 per cent are due to accidents or weather.

He also notes that people must understand that it is only the fire departments' responsibility to protect life and property, but once a brush fire or grass fire is contained, "the responsibility shifts to the property owner." This ensures local departments are available for other emergency calls that might come in.

According to information from the County of St. Paul, "The cost of extin-

guishing any fire may be recovered from the landowner or person responsible for the fire."

Another tip Duperron would like to offer landowners is that burning in boggy or swampy areas is not recommended. Brush piles that are burnt on boggy land can turn into ground fires. Ground fires can last a long time and don't burn themselves out, he explains.

Also, ground fires need heavy equipment and sometimes require the area to be flooded with water. The fire could take days or months to put out, says Duperron.

Lighting fires on high ground is best, and monitoring the fire constantly is a must.

"Don't walk away," says Duperron.

According to the Government of Alberta, the province has been preparing for the 2010 wildfire season. "Because of higher-than-normal hazard levels, the Alberta Government is positioning personnel and equipment throughout the province's forested zones to respond quickly and effectively when wildfires strike," says a provincial news release.

County campers to get early start on 2010 season

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Campers in the County of St. Paul will be able to get an early start on their 2010 outdoor adventures, "if Mother Nature cooperates," says campground department spokesman Danny Weinmeier. "We're opening on May 14 to give everybody an extra weekend this year."

The four county-operated campgrounds, located at Stoney Lake, Lac Bellevue, St. Vincent Lake's Westcove and Floating Stone Lake, have traditionally opened on the Victoria Day long weekend. They will continue the tradition of closing at the end of the Labour Day weekend in September.

Once again this year, the 155 campsites can be reserved, with offices at the individual parks opening for business at 8 a.m. on Monday, May 3 to take reservations.

Whitney Lakes Provincial Park opens May 1 and is open until Oct. 15, according to the Travel Alberta website. It and other provincial park campgrounds are taking online reservations this year, and Alberta Parks has indicated good results from the new service.

Campers are advised to take along extra food if they get an early start on the camping season, however, as they will not be able to enjoy the catch of the day until the long weekend. The fishing season in area lakes does not open until Friday, May 21. If much-needed spring rains do not arrive by May 14, a campfire ban could also cool off enthusiasm for those heading to the lakeside campgrounds.

Health spending

(Continued from Front Page)

Mayor Parrish Tung agreed that with MSI, "we can give volunteer groups the opportunity for future planning. They know that we will hopefully be able to help them. It's very positive."

Danyluk said he is "excited about Premier Stelmach coming to Elk Point in June. He really hasn't been here since the election. It's very positive that he will be here to open the library system renovations, the Allied Arts, the Eco Centre and the fire hall. The opportunities we have had are very good and have fulfilled what was needed."

Premier Stelmach will start his June 17 visit in Lac La Biche and will visit Vilna before coming to Elk Point, and will finish up the day with a dinner in St. Paul. Danyluk expects up to 15 ministers to accompany the premier.

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COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19 FIRE CONDITIONS

The County of St. Paul No. 19 would like to inform all land owners and users that due to limited snow cover, unseasonably warm temperatures and very low soil moisture codes, that the County Fire Services are expecting a busy spring fire season.

Fire Permits will be required as of April 1st, 2010 and will be issued on a short term basis only. A Fire Ban may be issued at any time and will suspend all permits.

Any burn piles that were burnt over the winter should be checked to ensure they are extinguished and that no ground fire has started.

The public is asked to ensure that all fires are attended at all times and that they are completely extinguished before leaving them unattended.

County residents with burning barrels are reminded that they can be a problem in spring conditions and a spark-arresting screen must be in place.

Anyone using an ATV is asked to be mindful of sparks from exhaust which can start a fire and be sure your ATV is clean of debris which may cause a fire.

The cost of extinguishing any fire may be recovered from the landowner or person responsible for the fire.

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Crisis in Canadian agriculture

By BRIAN STORSETH MP
Westlock-St. Paul

Being from rural Alberta and growing up on farms, I know how important a healthy and vibrant agriculture sector is to our country. It is the hard work of producers in places like Westlock-St. Paul that puts food on the tables of millions of Canadians every day.

I am proud to be part of a government that is steadfast in its support of farmers across the country. I am comfortable knowing that farmers are better represented in our caucus than any other federal party and we have their best interests at heart when making decisions. In contrast, in the Liberal Party's response to the Budget, agriculture was not mentioned once. It is clear which political party prioritizes working with our producers to build a road map of our agricultural future and help provide the security that our farm families deserve.

In the past three years our Government has committed more dollars to the Department of Agriculture than any previous government. We continue to develop programs that put real dollars in the hands of farmers and give farmers a chance to make their business work. Last year our Government passed the Canadian Agriculture Loans Act to give an additional \$1 billion in loans over the next five years to Canadian farm families and cooperatives. We provided \$50 M for the Slaughter Improvement Program to improve competitiveness through investments in new technologies and processes and dedicated \$25.9 M for the Modernizing Federal Laboratories program, providing long-term economic benefits for farmers and an immediate economic stimulus for their communities.

The government also created the Agri-Flexibility Fund of \$500 million to proactively drive innovation, tap market opportunities, and to bring new products to market. This fund included \$50 M for the AgriProcessing initiative to support new technologies and agriprocessing projects that will improve the Canadian agriprocessing sector; \$32 M for the Canada Brand initiative to help the Canadian agriculture and food industry proactively capture and develop markets around the world; and \$20 M for the Livestock

Auction Traceability Initiative to build a vital link in the traceability chain that tracks Canadian livestock from the grocery store back to the original farm gate.

The Minister has also made it a priority to open new markets for Canadian farmers and exporters. In a three year span we have opened beef markets in Columbia, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Russia, signed an agreement to expand Canadian pulse crop exports to India, secured an agreement with China to re-open its market to Canadian pork, regained full access for Canadian beef to the key export market of Hong Kong, and announced that Sinograin plans to increase Canadian canola oil imports to China by an additional 200,000 tonnes and \$180 million. Additionally, Free Trade Agreements have been signed or concluded with EFTA, Peru, Columbia

and Jordan and we are in negotiations with many trading partners including the EU and Panama.

Canada has also become a player on the world stage with active participation in the WTO negotiations to eliminate export subsidies and reduce trade-distorting domestic support. We defended the interests of the cattle, hog and meat sectors by launching a WTO dispute settlement process over the US mandatory country-of-origin labeling (COOL) legislation and by maintaining a frank and open dialogue with the US on this issue in the best interest of farmers on both sides of the border.

In addition to the creation of new markets, we understand that money needs to flow right away. That is why we are helping the livestock sector and

delivered a comprehensive restructuring plan for pork producers, which includes \$17 M for the International Pork Marketing Fund, Long-term loans with government-backed credit that financial institutions can offer to allow viable hog operations to restructure their businesses and up to \$75 M for the Hog Farm Transition Program.

Westlock - St. Paul has an economy that was built on agriculture and I am committed to ensuring that Agriculture remains a strong part of Alberta now and in the future.

As I continue to serve you in the riding and represent you in Ottawa, know that in the riding I am always willing to discuss agriculture issues with you and in Ottawa I am fighting on behalf of the Alberta producer.

Retirement after 40 years

Vicki Brooker photo

Virginia Kinch retired from her 40-year career with Canada Post last Thursday, with many well-wishers stopping by the Elk Point Post Office to enjoy a piece of retirement cake. Kinch began her duties behind the postal wicket in 1970 at Frog Lake, and later worked at Heinsburg, with "one day at Lindbergh," before coming to join the Elk Point staff in 2003. In 2005, she was depicted at work in the Heinsburg post office in Alberta's centennial history book.

Hooper tickets are still available

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Country music entertainer, CFCW Radio morning man and auctioneer Danny Hooper is coming back to Elk Point this Saturday night, and tickets are still available until Thursday, "unless we run out before then," according to Elk Point Chamber of Commerce spokesperson Sharon Smith.

Hooper visited Elk Point last April to MC the Brett Kissel show and conduct a very successful fundraising auction, and at that time, offered to come back this year and bring his band, the Honky Tonk Heroes, an offer that chamber president Sandy Smith took him up on before he even left the building.

The evening will once again feature a dinner and both live and silent auctions, in addition to the country music concert and this year, due to popular demand, "there will be a dance floor," Sharon Smith emphasized.

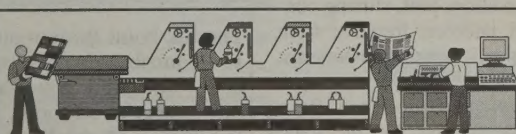
Local businesses and individuals have donated toward the auctions, with the items already in ranging from a fully-stocked wine refrigerator to use of a vacation condo, from a golf package complete with cart use to a gourmet meal and from quilts to restaurant gift certificates. Auction donations are coming in daily, but "we still have room for

a few more."

The chamber would also welcome additional volunteer help for Saturday evening, Sharon Smith says.

The dinner, concert and auctions are the chamber's latest fundraising venture toward the Elk Point Visitor Information Eco Centre, which is now nearing completion. The chamber expects to have the new facility open to serve visitors to the community in time for the start of the tourist season.

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EDITORIAL

Second look can't hurt

Health minister Gene Zwozdesky's decision to delay the start of the new drug plan for the province's seniors no doubt comes as a huge relief to many of the province's 65-plus population.

A plan that would suddenly have required a large percentage of older residents to pay a sizeable premium in order to receive subsidized prices on their prescription drugs could well have caused hardship for some.

Zwozdesky says that with the number of seniors liable to double over the next two decades, he wants "More time to get (the plan) right." In the meantime, seniors will continue to benefit from the current plan.

The decision to take the time to think the plan through more thoroughly will hopefully result in a product that is fair, workable and sustainable over the long term, and one that will treat all seniors with the respect they deserve.

WAY BACK WHEN

Priorities, Fair Play, Friends appreciation

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE ELK POINT REVIEW AND THE LAKELAND REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 6 IN...

1985

Dome Petroleum Limited hosted an open house to outline development plans for the following five years, with 16 wells per quarter to be drilled on five sections of land over that time. Chamber of commerce president Clark Stuparyk urged members to "get their priorities straight" and spend more time on both short and long term planning of chamber projects.

1990

Elk Point's Pee wee hockey team was honoured to accept the Alberta Fair Play Award from the North East Alberta Recreation Association. Council and board members outnumbered ratepayers at the town's annual meeting, where the town announced they had finished 1989 with a \$106,506 operating surplus, their largest ever.

1995

Members of the Friends of the Forts and the Fort George - Buckingham House Advisory Board were praised for their efforts and plans for the future at an appreciation day hosted by Alberta Historic Sites. Town council voted to change their FCSS grant from conditional to unconditional status, which would see the grant paid quarterly, rather than twice yearly, to the advantage of the town's cash flow.

2000

Lord Stanley's cup visited Fishing Lake, this first-ever visit of hockey's most prestigious trophy to a Métis settlement facilitated by Montreal Canadiens defenseman Sheldon Souray, a very proud moment for his family in that community. Elk Point Chamber of Commerce was gearing up for a busy summer, starting with a visit from participants in the Riverland Trail Water Relay which would fill the gap between Fort Saskatchewan and Onion Lake in the Trans Canada Trail Water Relay.

2005

Canadian Salt's Lindbergh works was awarded the Salt Institute's coveted Outstanding Safety Achievement Award for 700,000 worker hours without a lost-time accident. Willie Lesyk skipped the "A" event winners in Elk Point Curling Club's season-ending funspiel.

OUR VIEWS

April days

April days have arrived, and since we have just finished our Easter celebration, we recognize that our children are back in school after their spring break, and some homes are experiencing thoughts of what to do with all the "left overs". If you served Ham and Turkey, I found an old recipe that might be of some help.



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EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

HAM-TURKEY PIE

2-1/2 cups cooked long-grain rice
2 beaten eggs
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted.
1/8 teaspoon pepper

1/4 cup butter or margarine
5 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 cups chicken broth
1 cup chopped fully cooked ham
1 cup chopped cooked turkey
1/2 cup chopped mushrooms
1/4 cup chopped green onion
3 tablespoons snipped parsley

To prepare rice shell, thoroughly combine cooked rice, beaten eggs, 1/4 cup melted butter or margarine, and 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Press the rice mixture firmly into an ungreased 9-inch pie plate. Set aside.

In a saucepan, melt remaining 1/4 cup butter or margarine; blend in flour and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Add chicken broth all at once. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly till mixture thickens and bubbles. Remove from heat. Stir in chopped ham, chopped turkey, mushrooms, green onion, and snipped parsley; mix thoroughly.

Pour ham-turkey mixture into prepared rice shell. Bake in a moderate oven (350°) for 40 minutes. Let pie stand about 5 minutes before serving.

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April days are not only days after Easter, they are days that remind us that spring really is here. When we think of April we think of rain. I found a thoughtful poem that talks about April rain. I will quote the first and last verse. The poem is by an unknown author. Happy spring everyone and enjoy the rain.

Gentle rains arrive

By way of storm clouds;
Lightning cracks the air,
Opening up and pouring
Refreshing, lush waters
Upon the barren earth.

April shall never pass
Without presenting tumults
But to replenish the earth
Showers pass incessantly
Through the warm days
Encompassed by spring.

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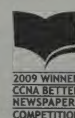


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Homesteading in Canada: The story of Billy Wolfe of Skibbereen

A century after one of our area's early homesteaders left his home in Ireland to find a new life in a new land, his great-niece, still living in the homeland, has shared his story, based on the letters he sent his family in 1910 and 1911.

By JANE WRIGHT
Donaghadee, Co. Down, N. Ireland

One hundred years ago, in the spring of 1910, William Francis Wolfe left Ireland to go 'homesteading' in Canada. He also hoped, if things worked out well, to arrange for his widowed mother to apply for a homestead in her own name and that his brother and two of his sisters would come out to Canada with her. In due course, it was thought his brother would get his own homestead.

Billy, as he was always called, was the eldest of five children born to John Joseph Wolfe of Skibbereen, County Cork, Ireland and to his wife, Marion. John Wolfe died of cancer in 1905, when Billy was 21 years of age. Billy had been working for a couple of years as an electrical engineer in England but he gave that up to come home

and take over the running of the home farm.

Billy's four siblings were Sally (who became a Methodist medical missionary), Fan (the writer's grandmother), Tom and Kitty, and at the time of their father's death they were aged 20, 17, 14 and 12 respectively. By the time Billy left for Canada five years later, Tom had taken over the running of the home farm. Sally was studying medicine at University College, Cork, and only Kitty was still at school. Fan was expected to go with the others to Canada but she had other ideas: all the time that Billy was writing letters outlining arrangements for them to come to Canada, she was secretly courting a cousin, William (Willie) Wolfe of the Corner House, Skibbereen, and in the end she decided to stay and marry him.

Billy left Liverpool on April 23, 1910, sailing for Quebec on the Empress of Britain, a voyage that took six days. The voyage began badly, with very rough seas encountered in the Atlantic Ocean. However, Billy was a good sailor and managed to enjoy the voyage. He passed the time writing letters, reading the daily paper which was printed on board of news gathered by 'Marconigram,' borrowing books from the ships library and talking to his fellow passengers who had experience of farming in Canada.

On the third day they passed their sister ship, the Empress of Ireland, heading homewards.

From Quebec, Billy traveled by rail to Vermilion in Alberta where he was to work on the farm of an Irishman, Mr. Sullivan. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan had four sons, one of whom was away gold mining in Alaska. The other three, Reginald, Harold and George, helped their father to farm 800 acres and they expected their new employee to more than pull his weight.

They were very lucky in the man they got, for Billy seems to have been able to turn his hand to almost anything and one of his first tasks was to help re-roof the dwelling house. Other duties included looking after the 10 stabled horses (eight others were out in the fields), tending sick stock, putting up three-strand barbed wire fences, working with flax and growing spring wheat, setting potatoes, carrots, turnips, cucumber, pumpkins and radishes, sowing oats, cutting willows and grubbing out bushes and clearing stones from the land which were then drawn away on a horse-drawn sledge. Plowing and disk harrowing were done with a team of four horses in a cloud of black dust that penetrated his clothes, something that was particularly uncomfortable since the Sullivans did not have a bathroom and when he first arrived, the lake on the property was still too cold to swim in. However, by the end of May he reported that the temperature was as warm as the sea near Skibbereen in August. Billy slept with two of the sons in a tent. The working day was a long one for everybody: they rose at 5:30 and went to bed between 9:30 and 10:30, the only exception being Sunday.

There were some very dangerous moments, as Billy explained to his mother



Submitted photo

The Wolfe family in Ireland in 1910: front row, left to right - Tom, Mrs. Marion Wolfe, Fan; back row, left to right: Sally, Billy and Kitty.

er in a letter dated July 3, 1910:

"Instead of getting this letter you had a very narrow escape from getting my life insurance money. I...put the bridle on old Bob and went out to look for some cows. Luckily, as it happened, I went bareback as my back was sore from the high back of these Indian saddles. In about half an hour I found the cows in a patch of wheat at Vigors. As Vigor and his family are away...I thought I would drive out all the cattle for him...one of the cows made a bolt back around the house. I trotted quickly in the opposite way to stop her and as it was just dark I never saw the clothesline, which the silly fools left up when they went away. It is a strong wire one and caught me just on the second button from the top of my waistcoat. It slipped up and onto my neck, of course throwing me...when I came to, Bob had his hind foot on my hat but I had a grip of the reins in my left hand. I guess if I had had a saddle I would probably have broken my neck."

From July on, Billy began to turn his attention to the question of where he would homestead and he learned that there was land

available about 30 miles from Vermilion. This land belonged to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company but 59 quarters had now been released for settlement, each quarter consisting 160 acres (a quarter of a square mile). The North Saskatchewan River ran through the middle of the area and the proximity of the railway was an added attraction. Mr. Sullivan persuaded Billy to stay on until all the crops he had sown had been harvested and in return he offered to go with Billy to look at the land, giving his services for free. They set off in a buggy drawn by two mares on the 30th of August. Though the area was only 30

miles away, the trip took a couple of days and was very arduous. The horses nearly drowned twice, the first time when they attempted to water them by a lake and the icy margin broke. And this is what happened on the second occasion, as described in a letter to his mother dated 4th September, 1910:

"...As we were crossing a boggy spot, the horses suddenly sank again and they fell...the tall mare falling across the other horse's head and holding it under water. I jumped out like dust and managed to get the top one a little sideways so as to get one nostril of the bottom one clear."

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Submitted photo

"The Grove," the house the family left behind in Ireland, outside the town of Skibbereen, County Cork.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

of the St. Paul & District
Co-operative
Association Ltd.



Date: Thursday, April 22, 2010

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Co-op Mall Cafeteria, St. Paul, AB.

Dessert & Coffee Served at 7:00 p.m.

VERMILION COMMUNITY ART CLUB

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Wednesday, April 7, 2010

4:00 to 8:00 pm at the Library or

Saturday, April 10, 2010

1:00 to 5:00 pm at the Library

ELK POINT MINOR BALL

Forms are available at:

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or both schools

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Attend the Two-Day

UMPIRE CLINIC

at A.G. Ross Arena at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 10 & Sunday, April 11

Food, fun at the fire hall



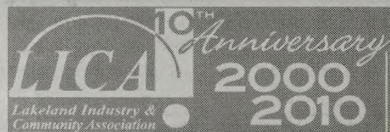
Good Friday, good breakfast and good conversation was enjoyed as everyone checked out the new fire hall and enjoyed the pancake breakfast while waiting for Elk Point's first-ever Easter Egg Hunt to begin.

Vicki Brooker photos

No basket needed -
this tot collected eggs
by the capful.



The Elk Point 4-H Multi Club
is hosting a
"Quad Safety Seminar"
Saturday, April 17 at 1:00 p.m.
Elk Point Seniors Centre
Attendees enter a door prize draw.



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Wednesday, May 12, 2010

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Evening Agenda:

5:00 p.m. Meet & Greet

5:30 p.m. 10th Anniversary Dinner

6:30 p.m. Guest Speaker

Deputy Premier Honourable Doug Horner

7:30 p.m. Annual General Meeting

Including Election of:

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Or drop by the LICA office Mon-Thurs. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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LICA is proud to have our Airshed Zone and the Beaver River Watershed Alliance
as independent standing committees.



All the fire was under the grills on Friday morning, as the firefighters cooked a hearty breakfast for the community at their new fire hall.



Look up, look waaaay up... the golden egg perched on top of the County fire truck spurred one young man to do some steep climbing.

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

Saturday, April 10 - Consignment Sale at Kryzanowski Auction Barn, 1.5 miles south of Glendon. '88 Dodge with 22' fifth wheel trailer, riding lawn mower, other mowers. Antiques, lightning rods, milk crates, steel & wood, household, miscellaneous, etc.

Saturday, April 17 - Estate Sale for Mrs. Chornohus of St. Paul. Sale to be held at the Kryzanowski Auction Barn, 1.5 miles south of Glendon, AB. Complete sale household & garage.

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Cash winners

Elk Point Minor Hockey's Cash Calendar winners for April have been announced.

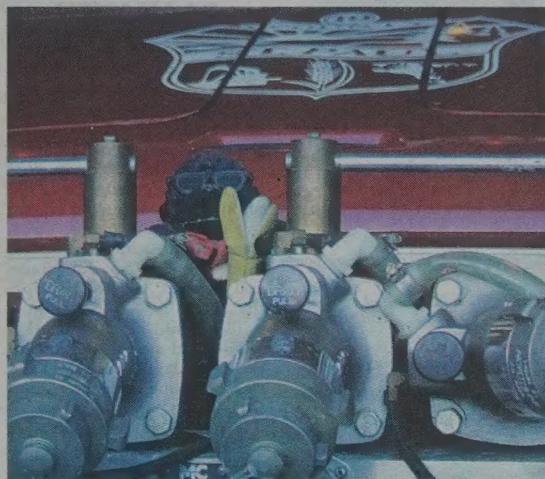
The \$20 winners are:
Rosemary Vinge, Don Mudryk, Dailene Maennchen, Elsie Grekull, Tania Bourne, Peggy Maas, Carmen Spitzer, Bev Graham (Turtleford, SK), Aaron Schaubleffel, Leroy and Victorine Smith (St. Paul), Jay and Jeanny Duffee, Carrie Becker, Rosemary Vinge.

The \$100 winner was Norm Quinney of Frog Lake.



Vicki Brooker photos

The children who found the golden eggs in each of the three age groups received big baskets of Easter treats, presented by firefighter Mark Gormley. Left to right are Joshua Smith, Kolbie Poitras and Caleb Popiel. Teen volunteers (below) handed out egg bags.



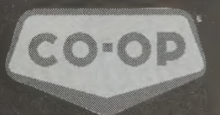
The fire hall's Easter monkey guards the valves.



Here an egg, there an egg...



ST. PAUL & DISTRICT CO-OP



Patronage Allocation

for 2009 Fiscal Year

Food (St. Paul & Elk Point)	5.0%
Home & Agro Centre	5.0%
Convenience Store	5.0%
Gas Bar	7.0%
Cardlock (St. Paul & Elk Point)	7.0%
Bulk Petroleum	7.0%
Oil & Grease	7.0%

The total allocation to Co-op members is \$3,002,000.00. Of this amount \$1,629,000.00 will be paid back to members in cash. Equity cheques & statements will be available at the St. Paul & Elk Point Co-ops during the Member Equity Days Sale April 28, 29 & 30.

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Auxiliary donations

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Sundays

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Services held every
Sunday at 11 a.m.

Elk Point Health Care Centre Auxiliary recently donated this walker to the centre's physiotherapist, Somesh Moorthy and physio assistant Rick Peters.

OBITUARY

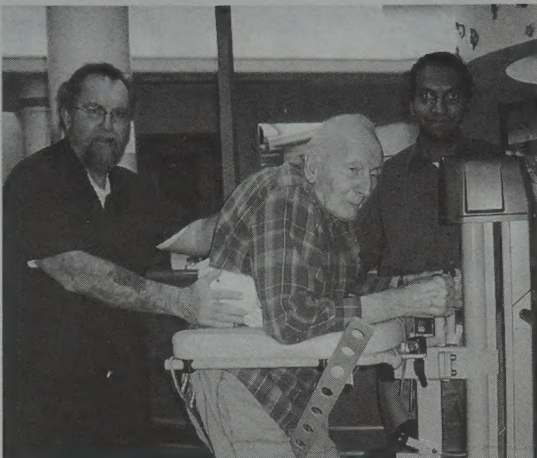
RYAN, Gerald William

On March 31, 2010 Mr. Gerald William Ryan of St. Paul passed away at the age of 87 years.

He is survived by his wife, Madeleine Ryan; 2 daughters, Theresa (Udo) Reich & Linda (Bert) Meger; 2 sons, Dale Ryan & Allen Ryan; 1 daughter-in-law, Suzanne Ryan; grandchildren, Shawn Reich, Lynn (Chris) Dafoe, Ashley Meger, Amanda Meger, Christopher Ryan, Allison Ryan, Cathy (Jay) Gill, Michael Ryan & Christine (Brad) Huser; 2 great-grandchildren, Mikayla Huser & Chloe Dafoe; his brothers-in-law & sisters-in-law, George & Marge Normand, Louis & Therese Normand, Robert & Barbara Normand, Edward Normand, Roland Normand, Alec & Jenny Normand, Raymond & Annette Gervais, Raymond & Georgette Hurtubise, Lucien & Blanche Michaud, Betty Ryan & Lorraine Normand; also numerous nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his son, David Ryan; his brother, Pat Ryan; brothers-in-law, Ted Normand & Alphonse Normand; & sister-in-law, Elsie Normand.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Paul. Reverend Father Paul Moses will be the celebrant with cremation to follow. If desired, donations may be made to the Cross Cancer Institute c/o Box 425, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

Yewchin's Funeral Chapel Ltd. St. Paul. 1-780-645-5177.



IN MEMORIAM

RADIES, Roy April 12, 2001



*If we had the power to change things
We'd never be apart
You'd still be part of our lives
And we wouldn't have a broken heart.*

*We remember all the things you did
That we took for granted
And all our hearts are filled with love
From the memories you planted.*

*Thank you, Dad for all those years
And all you did for us
In our hearts you'll always stay
Loved and remember each and every day.*

*We miss you so much.
Love Mandy, Debbie, Shane,
Heather, Roy and Families.*

Elk Point Health Care Centre Auxiliary recently presented this medical cart to long term care head nurse Marguerite Friesen and RN Lisa Palinka.

CARD OF THANKS

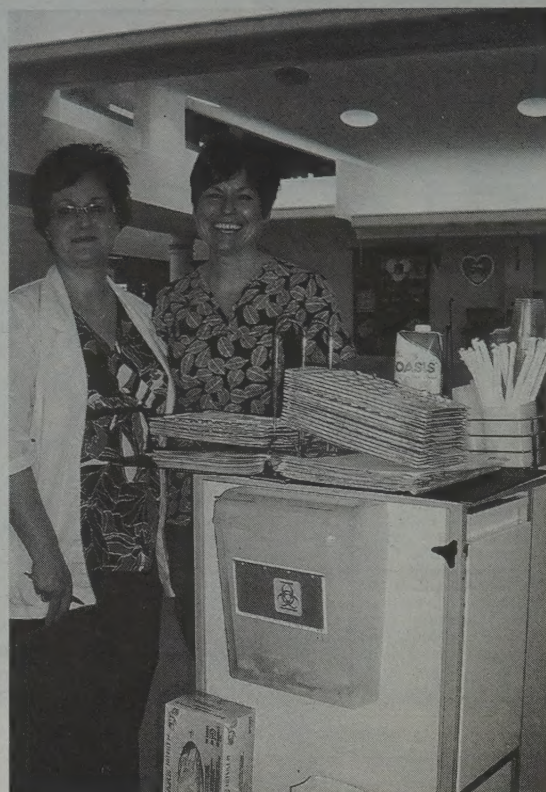
PAANANEN

The family of the late Larry Paananen would like to thank all of our family, friends and neighbors for their sincere acts of kindness shown to us after the recent passing of Larry.

When one loved so very much, we are grateful for all the phone calls, expressing sympathy, floral arrangements, cards, donations to various charities, food delivered to our house and heartfelt words of sympathy.

We would like to thank Dr. Ramful and the Nursing Staff of the Elk Point Health Care Centre for the excellent care to Larry.

Thank you to John & Caroline Yewchin and staff. Thank you to the ladies at the Elk Point Senior Centre for the lunch and thank you to Pastor Kelly Sibley in making the service so special.



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130. Coming Events

CONSORT GUN and Hobby Show, April 17-18, Consort Sportex, Saturday 10 - 5:30; Sunday 10 - 4. Country music sessions, Saturday - Sunday, \$5, adults, \$3, youth. Consort Lions Club, 403-577-3818.

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PARCEL 1:

THE SOUTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY FIVE (25)
TOWNSHIP SIXTY TWO (62)
RANGE ELEVEN (11)
WEST OF THE FOURTH MERIDIAN,
CONTAINING 64.3 HECTARES (159 ACRES) MORE OR LESS.
EXCEPTING THEREOUT:
A) PLAN 8921425 - ROAD
0.825 HECTARES (2.04 ACRES) MORE OR LESS
EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS
AND THE RIGHT TO WORK THE SAME.

PARCEL 2:

MERIDIAN 4 RANGE 11 TOWNSHIP 62
SECTION 25
QUARTER SOUTH WEST
EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS
AND THE RIGHT TO WORK THE SAME
AREA: 64.3 HECTARES (159 ACRES) MORE OR LESS

PARCEL 3:

THE NORTH WEST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTY ONE (31)
TOWNSHIP SIXTY TWO (62)
RANGE TEN (10)
WEST OF THE FOURTH MERIDIAN,
CONTAINING 63.9 HECTARES (158 ACRES) MORE OR LESS
EXCEPTING THEREOUT:
A) PLAN 8921425 - ROAD
0.825 HECTARES (2.04 ACRES) MORE OR LESS
EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS
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Subject lands are located approximately 8 miles north of the Hamlet of St. Lina. Lands comprising mostly farm land with homestead situated on SE 25-62-11-W4th. Older home (1959) - 957 square foot, pole shed with metal roof and older small agriculture buildings. Serviced with power, well, septic. Homestead consists of 156.96 acres (126 cultivated acres). SW 25-62-11-W4 consists of 159 acres (37 cultivated acres). Surface Lease revenues; and NW 31-62-10-W4 consisting of 155.63 acres (46 cultivated acres). Lands consist of mostly Soil Class 4/5. All subject lands perimeter fenced. Tenders will be accepted up to and including 12:00 o'clock noon, May 3, 2010.

Sealed tenders to be submitted to MORROW & ASSOCIATES, Barristers & Solicitors, P.O. Box 336, 5226-50 Avenue, St. Paul, AB, T0A 3A0, marked "TENDER - ESTATE OF FREDERICK JOEL SCHOFF", accompanied with a certified cheque representing 10% of the tendered price payable to said solicitor in trust. The successful tenderer(s) will be notified on or before May 7, 2010. The closing date shall be June 1, 2010, with all unpaid balanced of purchase price paid to MORROW & ASSOCIATES, Barristers & Solicitors, IN TRUST, at least one week prior to June 1, 2010.

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after her. While he was hunting her, I got the other one out. We then had to ... haul the rig out ... I got an axe then and chopped some willows and laid them on the softest spots and we walked across and

drove the rig."

Out of the land available, Billy found there were four quarters which he quite liked. SE 3-57-6 had good soil but no water except for two small lakes that would freeze

in winter. NE 34-56-6 contained most of a whole lake that he said would not freeze to the bottom in winter (but we know that at 30 to 40 degrees below zero there would be a good 12 inches or more of ice on it). Billy wrote that this quarter would be suitable for stock but not for growing grain. SW 35-56-6 had almost no hay and no water. SE 34-56-6 was the one Billy preferred, with up to 30 acres clear of bush, with a small lake and some hay growing on it.

"I don't know quite what to do ... I wish you or Uncle Harry or Tom were here to talk about this as I don't like acting alone ... Besides, I may not see any I like better and yet

when I come back these may be taken by someone else."

Eventually, Billy applied for NE 34-56-6 for his mother and SE 34-56-6 for himself (the two plots adjoined each other), but in the meantime he took the gamble of deferring his application and went to look at another area before he made up his mind.

Billy headed off to Edmonton, to see what he could find in that region. He stayed at the Hotel Cecil, and with three other prospective homesteaders, including an Englishman, Mr. Arnott, and hired a guide called Mr. Sutton to show them round. On Monday, September 12, they set off on a viewing trip,

traveling in a three-seated 'democrat' drawn by two horses, on a venture that was to prove both disappointing and exasperating.

On the second night they stayed in the home of the guide's brother-in-law, which was not a pleasant experience.

"... Mr. Arnott and I again slept together but as the clothes looked dirty we heaped them on the floor and used my rugs. During the night we had a lively time with bugs. One beastly thing bit me over the right eye and it was all swelled up and nearly shut all the next day. I had a few more bites on the neck and shoulder... (if I ever go knocking around again I will carry some Keating's powder)." Next, one of the horses went lame and was with difficulty, replaced. Then one of the democrat's front wheels got smashed and had to be fixed. Luckily, one of the other would-be homesteaders turned out to be a wheelwright. The final straw was when Mr. Sutton announced that according to his religion, Saturday was a day of rest and they would be doing nothing that day.

Billy was so frustrated by everything that he and Mr. Arnott decided to leave the expedition and hit out independently over the open countryside, heading for the railway which was about 32 miles away. They

stayed in farms or slept rough and didn't much enjoy the experience. Eventually, they caught the train and got back to Edmonton on Wednesday, 10 days after setting out and with nothing to show for it except emptier pockets. Billy said the trip cost him \$70. He immediately filed for the two quarters he had already viewed in the Vermilion area and Mr. Arnott and his father-in-law, Mr. Drew, took the other two quarters, sight unseen.

Billy had already sent his mother a proxy form so that she could apply for the quarter he had in mind for her. The proxy form was slow in arriving back, which caused a lot of worry but in the end all was well. Billy also had trouble over a gun. He did not like the guns that were available for sale in Canada and had sent his brother Tom \$40 to buy him a really good gun from a relation in Skibbereen and warned him to be sure that an invoice was sent as well or Billy would be in trouble with the Canadian Customs. The gun arrived but despite frequent requests, the invoice did not come until December 28 and then it had to be sent back as the country of origin had not been marked on the front.

Watch next week's issue for more homesteading adventures of Billy Wolfe.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission
Evergreen Regional Landfill
Class III Inert Waste Cells 4 & 5 - Construction

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Tenders received via facsimile machine will not be accepted. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

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Former local hockey stars shine brightly at provincials

Fair is fair in love and war and especially when it comes to brothers. Two weeks ago we featured the great "Boom Boom" Ballas and his side kick "Tiger" Wozniak, so it's only fair that this week we bring you up to date on the "Kid" brother, Trevor "the Kid" Ballas, the towering center man who had played in the Elk Point minor hockey system up until this season when he moved to Llyodminster with his big bro and father.

The "Kid" is naturally talented when it comes to hockey, he can skate, stickhandle and score, but in the past he was never really pushed to his potential. This year he tried out for the AA Bantam Blazers when training camp came along



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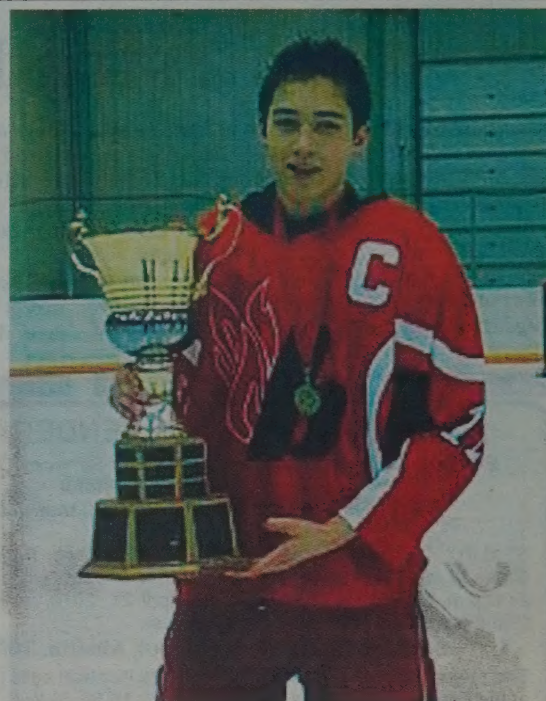
Review Sports

The Blazers had just a fantastic season, finishing in first place in their league with a 19 win, four tie, and five-loss season. They took out Mornville in the first round of play-offs, moving on to meet the Cold Lake AA team and another one of our Elk Point products, Logan "Paycheck" Becker, who now plays with them. It was a battle right down to the wire, but the Blazers would eliminate Cold Lake (so sorry Paycheck) but we had to do what we had to do, and it's off to meet Wainwright in the final round. Now the Blazers hadn't beaten Wainwright in their four meetings this season, so coming in as the underdogs, they would sweep Wainwright three games straight and win the AA banner as league champs for the first time in the history of the Blazers.

The Blazers also won the Grand Prairie AA tourney and their own AA tourney at home, during the season.

On the road to the provincials, the Blazers would meet Logan and the gang from Cold Lake once more, winning the two game series, (sorry again Paycheck) then it was off to Fort McMurray for the next round, winning that two game series as well, sending them to the final tournament in Calgary to meet the top AA bantam teams in the province.

Down in Calgary the Blazers were on fire. Burning up the ice, they went 4 and 0 in the round robin, meeting their old buddies from Wainwright in the semi final, a game they would win 3-1, sending them to the final against the host the Calgary Royals, a team they had beaten in the round robin 6 to 1. In the end it would be the Royals who would take home the gold, defeating the Blazers 4 to 1, the Blazers the second best team in the province in AA bantam winning the silver. Did they run out of gas? Were they too confident after the 6 to 1 win? Or was it the pressure of the



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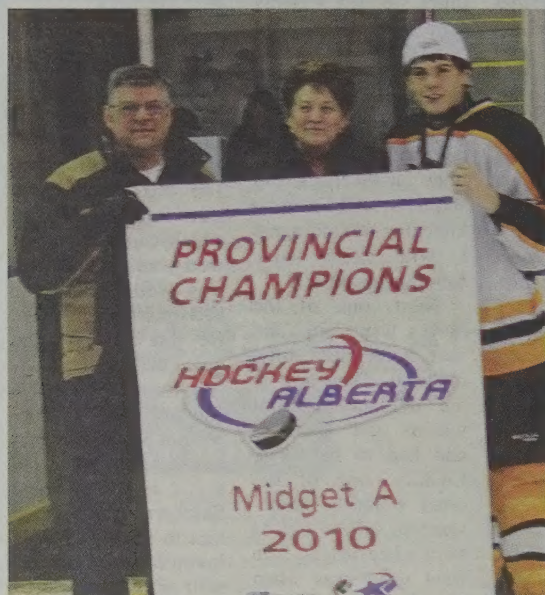
Lloydminster AA Bantam Blazers captain Trevor "the Kid" Ballas led the team to their first-ever league championship.

home crowd? Who knows but winning the silver medal in AA bantam provincials is still not too shabby for the "Kid" who's already looking forward to next season.

And... this news just in - former Elk Point Minor Hockey player Brandon "the Roadrunner" Rainey, son of former EPMH coach "Iron Mike" Rainey and grandson of Henry and Betty Rocoe, won three championships this year with the Vermilion Midget A Tigers, who took their league championship before going on to become Zone 2 champs and the Provincial Midget A champions. Brandon also was named MVP in game four of the provincials, with three goals and an assist.

Congratulations to all our boys who have gone on to achieve glory in the higher ranks. We're proud to say "We knew them when..."

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "How can you not like a pro athlete who lists one of his hobbies as miniature golf? Although at his size, what other kind of golf could he play? Last week's answer to - "Don Cherry is like Humphrey Bogart in the wrong movie. He's real, but he doesn't fit in all the different situations he's in." - Alpo Suhonen. Do you have a sports scoop? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com



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Proud grandparents Henry and Betty Roscoe help Brandon "the Roadrunner" Rainey hold up the Provincial Midget A championship banner.

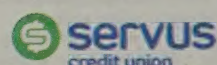
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In the F.G. Miller spotlight

Student of the Week



Megan Tetlock

Megan is a very hard worker in class; completes all her assignments, and homework. Mr. Kryz said she did an excellent job on Social 10-2 and is doing well in Social 20-2. Megan enjoys social and said Mr. Kryz does a good job of preparing them for exams. Megan also got 100% in Phy. Ed 20 and is on the badminton team.

Athlete of the Week



Stephen John

Stephen said being athlete of the week is pretty cool. Basketball is a great sport that he enjoys playing. They had a pretty good season but ended with a sad disappointment. His highlight of this years' season is scoring 65 points in two games that were back to back. Stephen also plays football and does cross-country and track and field. Stephen thinks sports are great.

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